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Planning for Your School Visit to Pipe Spring National Monument

In anticipation of your upcoming park visit, we would like to share some guidelines for providing a safe, educational, and rewarding experience for your group.

Before Your Trip

Chaperons

- ✓ Provide one chaperone for every 8-10 students. Pipe Spring requires a minimum of four adults per class.
- ✓ Supervision is your responsibility, not that of park staff. Chaperons need to know and enforce the rules and expectations.

Group Organization

- ✓ Divide class into groups prior to field trip.
- ✓ Assign each group to an adult.
- ✓ If disruptive and/or inappropriate behavior is not corrected, the program may be terminated.

Accessibility

- ✓ If you have any students with special needs (foreign language or physical limitations), please let us know before the program: We can make some adjustments and increase the effectiveness of the program.

What students need to bring

- ✓ Temperatures can be cooler than you expect - jackets are recommended.
- ✓ Proper outdoor clothing: long pants are preferred, good walking shoes (no sandals or flip-flops).
- ✓ In hot weather, sunscreen, hats, and lightweight long-sleeved shirts.
- ✓ Water, at least one liter.
- ✓ Lunch (remind students to bring a little extra, they will be more physically active and will be hungrier).
- ✓ Name tags (very helpful for park staff; writing names on masking tape is fine).

Preparation

- ✓ Visit the "Not Just for Kids" section of the Pipe Spring National Monument expanded web pages at www.nps.gov/pisp. This helps get students ready for the program.

On the Big Day

- ✓ Check to see students are appropriately dressed, have lunch and water.
- ✓ Give students name tags and make sure they know which adult they are assigned to.
- ✓ Meet monument staff in front of the Visitor Center.
- ✓ In case of bad weather that could make your visit dangerous or uncomfortable, an attempt will be made to reschedule. Please call the monument the day before or early the morning of your trip if the weather is threatening.

Things to Share with Students

- ✓ They are in a National Park, take only photographs and memories, leave only footprints.
- ✓ No littering.
- ✓ Everything must stay where it is found, no taking of rocks, plants, sticks, artifacts, etc.
- ✓ This is a special place that is protected and preserved for us and our future children.

QUESTIONS? Call (928) 643-7105



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Dear Parent/Adult Chaperon:

Thank you for volunteering to assist with your student's field trip to Pipe Spring National Monument. The monument staff looks forward to your visit. As you prepare, we would like to take a few minutes to assist you in how you can make this a quality education program for the students and the monument staff.

All classes are split into small groups and assigned an adult chaperon. You are responsible for the supervision of your group, as well as making sure they stay together and follow these monument rules:

- ✓ We are in a National Park area, everything must stay where it is - do not remove any plants, rocks, animals, or artifacts from the monument.
- ✓ Do not litter.
- ✓ The Monument livestock (3 longhorns, 2 horses, and a few chickens) and wildlife (lizards, squirrels, birds, etc) are interesting and fun to view but they are **not** tame. Please use caution.
- ✓ Take only pictures and memories, leave only footprints.
- ✓ Follow the park ranger's directions.
- ✓ Please do not climb on the rock walls near the fort and around the ponds – it is not safe or good for the historic walls.
- ✓ Stay on the established trails and walk ways.

If you are working with your group on an activity:

- ✓ Please help the students, but do not give them the answers.
- ✓ Make sure that they stay on task.
- ✓ Help them to finish the assignment in the allotted time.

We do have snakes in the park and have snake safety rules:

- ✓ Freeze.
- ✓ Look and find the snake.
- ✓ Slowly back away.
- ✓ Tell others that there is a snake.
- ✓ Tell the ranger.
- ✓ Do not jump, yell and scream, this scares the snake and s/he will become more defensive.
- ✓ 8 out of 10 people bitten by snakes are bitten on the hands because they are trying to play with or touch the snake.
- ✓ Do not attempt to hurt or harm the snake. Leave it alone, this is its home, it will not attack unless it feels threatened.
- ✓ Remain calm.

Once again, thank you for helping to make your student's field trip experience memorable. We hope that you will enjoy your time in the park and are looking forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 928-643-7105.

